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SUBJ: PLAIN SPEECH IN THE PROVINCES ON "THE ENEMY"

1. EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL ATTENTION TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY REPUBLIC PARTY LEADERS WITH POLITBURO RANK ON THE SUBJECT OF IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. STATEMENTS MADE IN AUTHORITATIVE REPORTS BEFORE REPUBLIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUMS IN THEP KRAINE AND BELORUSSIA, AND THE EMPHASIS ON THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS IS MARKED COMPARED TO THE HONEYED WORDS FROM MOSCOW LEADERS ON THE SAME SUBJECTS.

2. UKRAINIAN PARTY LEADER SHCHERBITSKY ADDRESSED REPUBLIC PARTY PLENUM ON MAY 16 ON IDEOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE WHICH HE FOUND DEFICIENT IN SEVERAL AREAS OF CHRONIC DIFFICULTIES.

A. ON COMBATTING THE PENETRATION OF HOSTILE IDEOLOGY: "OUR ENEMIES HAVE UNLEASHED A BROAD CAMPAIGN FOR PROPAGANDA OF BOURGEOIS DEMOCRACY AND THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE WHICH THEY
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PASS OFF AS THE STANDARD TO WHICH ALL PEOPLES MUST STRIVE."

B. ON FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION: "THE IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA IS SHARPENING, AND BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA IS BECOMING EVER MORE INSIDIOUS. OUR CLASS ENEMIES ARE TRYING TO USE FOR THEIR PURPOSES THE BROAD DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL TIES AND TOURIST EXCHANGE."

C. ON NATIONALISM AND ZIONISM: "RECENTLY UKRAINIAN NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD HAVE ACTIVELY BEGUN TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH ZIONISTS AND MAOISTS....THE REACTIONARY, PRO-IMPERIALIST CHARACTER OF ZIONISM AS THE IDEOLOGY OF THE INTERNATIONAL JEWISH BOURGEOISIE MUST BE EXPOSED BY ALL MEANS OF IDEOLOGICAL INFLUENCE."

3. BELORUSSIAN PARTY LEADER MASHEROV ADVISED THE REPUBLIC PARTY PLENUM ON APRIL 29 THAT WHEN IT COMES TO SOCIAL VIRTUES THEY "HAVE NO NEED TO COPY ANYONE." THE "FREEDOM OF PERSONAL INITIATIVE" IN HIS EYES IS A BLASPHEMOUS NAME FOR EXPLOITATION. THE PROPAGANDA OF VIOLENCE AND CRUELTY, IMMORALITY AND CYNICISM IS PASSED OFF AS "FREEDOM OF INFORMATION," AND ALL THE EVILS AND BASENESS CONNECTED WITH CAPITAL AND PROFIT ARE PROCLAIMED AS THE "FREEDOM OF THE INDIVIDUAL." IN SHORT, HE COUNSELED HIS AUDIENCE TO DISCLOSE THE "ANTIHUMAN ESSENCE OF CAPITALISM WHERE SPIRITUAL IMPROVERISHMENT AND SAVAGERY HAVE BECOME THE NORM AND WHERE EVERYTHING IS DEFORMED AND TURNED INSIDE OUT."

4. REPUBLIC PRESS PUBLISHED PLENUM ACCOUNTS, BUT PRAVDA VERSION OF UKRAINIAN PLENUM DELETED THE OBVIOUSLY ANTI-AMERICAN LANGUAGE. AS IS OFTEN THE CASE, THE SOVIET MEDIA TAILOR THE MESSAGE TO THE AUDIENCE TO ACCOMMODATE CONFLICTING GOALS.

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